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PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1914.
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THE personality of Woodrow Wilson has powerfully impressed the country. His obvious sincerity of purpose and his clear moral vision have given him strength out of all proportion to the peculiar economic theories he espouses.

Stockholders for Rapid Transit

THE greatest corporation in this community is the municipal corporation. In it every citizen is a stockholder. Whatever the stockholders of the Union Traction Company, through their directors, decide to do—and they are well within their rights to do or not to do whatever they please—the stockholders in the municipal corporation are overwhelmingly for rapid transit.

Golden Days of Opportunity

HOME have come the vacationists, the seashore harvest has been reaped, plume time is past, the thousands who had down daily tasks to relieve mind and body are again in the race of daily occupation. The ivy on walls is touched with red, the trees have taken their fringes of gold, while the late corn, the pumpkin and the grape alone remain to be gathered—the very air breathes of the fall time.

A Good Pilot to Drop

MAINE has sounded the warning. The Republican party must clear for action, clean the debris from the decks, sweep aboard Penrosism, Barrenism, Lorrimerism and all the other "isms" which have fastened themselves on the party.

Emergency Patriotism

THE old idea of party government has been given a severe jolt by the war. England furnishes a case in point. It is worth considering, even after the smoke of battle has cleared away and peace or armed neutrality is restored.

A Truce for Three Years

GOVERNMENT by personality is something that we can never get away from in this country. It is legitimate and inevitable, but it is not by any means sufficient for the purposes and requirements of democratic self-government.

Belgium also is fighting for home-rule.

Sir Lionel Carden will soon talk himself out of the diplomatic class. The German colors are being driven out of France, but American dry goods manufacturers can't get enough of them.

Without President Wilson's interposition, apparently, the turmoil and chaos would have continued indefinitely.

Some protest has been aroused in Brooklyn by the action of a Magistrate there whose sentences against reckless automobilists are said to be too severe. But is such a thing possible?

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What's the Use?

THE rehabilitation of the Republican party is essential to the prosperity of the nation. It cannot be rehabilitated in one State; it must be rehabilitated in many States. It cannot be rehabilitated at all until the sore spots on it are cured.

Not Blue But Sane Laws

IF THOSE interested in innocent Sunday amusements for the masses will present rational arguments to the next Legislature that body may consider the repeal of antiquated blue laws. The great mass of the public, men, women and children, have not the means to go to the shore or country in summer, should have the legal right to quiet amusements on the one day available.

A Strong Pull Together for the Port.

THE decision of the majority in the Rivers and Harbors appropriation bill and excise appropriations for such obviously necessary work as the Delaware channel emphasizes the blunder of depending too much on the National Government for assistance. Improvement of the approaches from the sea is fundamentally the business of the United States, but there is a very big opportunity for Pennsylvania and Philadelphia to co-operate on their own account in putting this port on a parity with any other in the world.

The Dum-dum Myth

The Kaiser's charge that both France and England have been using dum-dum bullets is merely an echo of a similar accusation against the Germans made at the outset of the war by the French. Both charges are utterly unfounded. They grow out of the hysteria and the ignorance which are among war's lesser by-products.

Curiosity Shop

Aesop's fable about the youth who cried "wolf" until no one believed him is based upon a situation which arose among the inhabitants of Amyclaea. So often had the rumors that the Spartans were coming that they made a decree that no one should ever again mention the matter.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—Your support of Doctor Brumbaugh and not of Senator Penrose is very mystifying to me, if not to many other voters throughout the State. I was an ardent supporter of the people of Brumbaugh in both 1884 and 1888, but I do not think that what amount to a Penrose Legislature be elected? In what way can Doctor Brumbaugh be of any service to the people of Pennsylvania so eagerly waiting for? True, the platform that Doctor Brumbaugh was nominated to use all the reforms that have been launched by Penrose and his lieutenants since the same thing?

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—I want to take advantage of your open column for letters from the people to say a commendatory word about your editorial in tonight's issue on the transit situation. Philadelphia is a great big city, and the transit or any corporation expects to keep us taxpayers from getting what we need there will have to be another guess. That's my guess and that of most Philadelphians. Keep up your good work along this line.

OBJECTS TO COMIC PICTURES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING LEDGER:
Permit me to congratulate the Evening Ledger not only for not resorting to the omission of the alleged comic pictures, which, to my mind, are an insult to the intelligent reading public.

A WORD FOR ELLEN ADAIR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—May I add a line of appreciation for the excellent showing your paper has made during the first three days of its existence? I have been more than pleased with the articles of Ellen Adair. There is a tone of sincerity and truth about her writing which is frequently lacking in the conventional articles often found in a woman's page. I hope she will continue to write her experiences.

PRaise FOR WHOLESOME HUMOR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—I have been a reader of the PUBLIC LEDGER for 20 years. You have my commendations and best wishes for the success of the Evening Ledger. I have been particularly impressed with the high-class and wholesome humor which is found on your editorial page. One of the curses of the average evening paper is the presence of slap-stick humor. Why don't you secure the services of a good cartoonist?

NOW EVENING LEDGER READER

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING LEDGER:
Sir—Just a good wish from an old reader of the PUBLIC LEDGER. If you maintain the same standard which you have set for the past few days I am sure that the people of this city will appreciate the service you render the community.

PRaise From Up-State

From the Carlisle (Pa.) Evening Herald.
The new Evening Ledger, aside of publication of the PUBLIC LEDGER, made its debut last evening and was cordially received. The same vast volume of news which is characteristic of the morning Ledger is apparent in the latest publication. We inspected closely both editions and each was marked by a host of fresh news stories. The success of the new journal is assured.

How Warren Views Penrose

From the Warren, Pa., Evening Times.
The defeat of Senator Penrose this fall would mean a rebalanced and united Republic to elect the Democratic candidates, but as a positive factor in American politics the aggressive party has ceased to exist.—Allentown (N. Y.) Journal.

Railroads and Relief

From the Chattanooga Times.
The railroads have been instructed to prepare tariffs for all services they now perform without charge. The commission in the meantime is retaining consideration of the petition for advancing rates, this time it is said more understandingly, if not more sympathetically, will afford a hope that they will provide a fair and complete measure of relief.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

When we read the statement, "Buenos Aires is to have another subway," we are tempted to admit that there is a certain enterprising in the South American capital that we fondly thought of as peculiar to ourselves.—New York Evening Post.

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